

Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee Minutes of Monday, June 6, 2005

The Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee met on Monday, June 6, 2005, in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Municipal Government Center, 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Ann Bollinger
Vice Chair Sandy Kane
Gabe Kelemen

Brian Rolston

Town Staff Present

Calvin Grow
Mark McCartney
Nick Colonna

Ad Hoc Committee Member Present

Dawn Barrett
Marcia Brown

1. *Minutes:* On **motion** by Sandy Kane, **seconded** by Nick Colonna, the **minutes of the March 28, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved** as presented.
2. *Public Comment:*
 - a. Several South King Street residents (Mr. & Mrs. Jeff McCarthy, 416 South King Street) located near the W & O D trail voiced concern over the amount of speeding occurring at this location. Many residents are having difficulty pulling out of their driveways. Residents are also concerned for pedestrian safety. SRTC members agreed that another speed study and additional enforcement is warranted on South King Street and will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - b. Alex Mai, General Manager of Hampton Inn & Suites, expressed concerns that the extension of the iron fence along the bypass has now caused pedestrians to cut through the Hampton Inn property. He would like to see the continuation of the fence to include the Hampton Inn Suites to help deter pedestrians from crossing the property. Staff explained the history of the fence issues and agreed that an extension is possible but, the cost would be approximately \$150,000.00. The Town Staff agreed to repair the existing limited assess fence to help deter pedestrians from crossing the Hampton Suites property.

- c. John Drury resident of 621 Beauregard Drive, expressed concerns of traffic that is using the bridge connection to Lawson Road as a cut through. He stated that residents of Beauregard realize that the bridge will be permanently closed once Battlefield Parkway is complete to Route 7, but would like to have some measures taken to eliminate the cut through traffic or at least address safety. SRTC members agreed that once Lawson Road is open again, staff would conduct a speed study and better clarify the issues occurring at this location, including the permanent signage and pavement marking plan.
 - d. Potomac Station residents spoke regarding the speeding, pedestrian cross walk, violations and children crossing safety along Potomac Station Drive. Particular areas of concern occur at the retail area of Potomac Station Drive. Residents felt that enforcement measures are needed to control traffic speed. Most residents also agreed that rush hour and weekends are when severe violations occur. Also noted was that school bus drivers and parents dropping children off at the adjacent schools as the biggest violators. Additionally, residents noted motorcycles drag racing at around 8:20 p.m. along Potomac Station Drive. SRTC members agreed to set up a site visit to see the issues first hand and discuss any proposals at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
3. *Ad Hoc SW Subcommittee update:* Ad Hoc Committee members Dawn Barrett and Marcia Brown presented the completed report of their recommendation to alleviate traffic concerns in the SW area of Leesburg. The plan included two traffic circles, several bump outs and speed cushions at various intersections to eliminate the recently placed stop signs.
- a. SRTC members appreciated their hard work and suggested that the next steps would be to separately meet with the Woodlea, Greenway and Country Club residents on July 13, 20 and 27 before any recommendations to Council are made. Calvin Grow will work with writing the ad assisted by Nick Colonna who will have the proposed plan and ad notification posted on the Town's web page as well. SRTC members also suggested that with the ad definitions of the proposed techniques for traffic calming be included.
4. *FY06 Traffic Calming Budget:* Calvin Grow reported that the FY06 budget was approved and will be available July 1st. SRTC members asked for a report that lists all past allocations.

5. *Linden Hill Way and South King Street:* Calvin Grow reported that a traffic signal at this intersection is not recommended per the MUTCD because it did not meet the traffic signal warrants and is too close to the existing traffic signal at Country Club Drive.
6. *Textured crosswalk at West Market Street and Memorial Drive:* Calvin Grow reported that the cost of this proposed textured crosswalk would be \$10,000.00 dollars with approximately \$4,000.00 available in the current budget. The SRTC agreed to eliminate the textured crosswalk and add a standard crosswalk and handicap ramp to stay within the budget.
7. *Smart Trailer Report:* Mark McCartney reported that the average speed at Tennessee Drive north of Princeton Drive averaged 23.5 miles per hour and did not currently warrant any traffic calming measures per the Residential Traffic Management Plan.
8. *Pedestrian Crosswalk enforcement at Market Street and Wirt and Liberty Streets and Marshall Drive at Autumn Willow Way:* Mark McCartney reported that no problems occurred at the last enforcement date, but will schedule another enforcement date in the fall since that is when most complaints tend to occur.
9. *Review of Part 1 & 2 Traffic Calming Overview of the Residential Traffic Management Plan:* The SRTC had no further revisions to the sections. The committee agreed that the Arlington techniques should be incorporated into Part 1 & 2 of the plan. The rest of the plan will be discussed at the August 1st meeting.
10. *Committee member concerns:* (i) Gabe Kelemen reported that there are sight distance issues on the north east corner of Edwards Ferry Road and Prince Street. SRTC staff responded that the bush that is obstructing sight distance is not in a Town easement or right-of-way and therefore The Town cannot enforce the trimming of the bush, but have requested the land owner to trim the bush. (ii) Brian Rolston asked that a FY05 budget update be presented so we can review how the budget was allocated. (iii) Ann Bollinger **motioned** that the SRTC supports clover leafs versus diamond interchanges in the 2005 Town Plan draft until otherwise proven to protect the interest of the Town. **Seconded** by Brian Rolston. **The motion for support of clover leaf interchanges to protect the interests of the Town passed 7-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting has been scheduled for August 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Staff is to contact Liz Whiting if anything arises needing Committee consideration in the interim.